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# WILLOW DAHLIA GARDENS



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Cedar Grove,

New Jersey

## INTRODUCTION

It is with pleasure we present our 1929 list of dahlias. You will find many varieties replaced with new and better ones. We are eliminating all those which do not measure up to the newer ones and for which there has been small demand. We think every one of these dahlias listed will do well with you and if given proper care can win in any show.

We have had the pleasure of winning with some of these varieties at both Newark and New York. Display at New York was awarded Gold Medal Ribbon. At Newark we won with some seedlings we hope to have in sufficient quantity to present next year.

In regard to prices we do not attempt to sell lowest, but to send out only finest field grown stock and true to name. Where quantity of stock justifies we have made our prices low as possible.

We wish to thank our customers for their kind patronage this past year and wish each and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year with more and better dahlias.

Willow Dahlia Gardens, F. R. Waite

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## Please Read Before Ordering

**ORDER EARLY.**—Do not delay ordering until planting time, as many varieties will be sold out. As orders are received stock will be reserved.

**TERMS.**—Cash with order, or C. O. D.

**SHIPPING.**—All orders will be shipped around May 15 unless otherwise ordered.

**GUARANTEE.**—We guarantee every plant or tuber sent out to be true to name and in a healthy growing condition. Notify at once if anything is unsatisfactory; do not wait until the end of the season; we can only make good if you tell us. We want your patronage in future years so will do our best to please.

**SUBSTITUTION.**—We do not substitute unless requested.

**ADDRESS.**—Please write or print name and address plainly. Specify time you wish your order shipped.

**AZTEC GLORY**—(One of the largest Broomall-Success dahlias.) Immense flowers of lemon yellow and of most unusual formation, held erect on long, strong stems. A grand exhibition dahlia.

Tubers \$10.00, Plants \$3.00

**BARBARA WEAR**—Seal The fact that Barbara Wear won at the 1927 exhibition of the Dahlia Society of San Francisco held at the Palace Hotel, the Doubleday, Page & Company's Achievement Medal for "the most worthy new dahlia west of the Rocky Mountains never before exhibited" is in itself a strong recommendation. The color is extremely soft and pleasing, the beautiful flower being a pinkish lavender, shading at the outer ends of the petals to the softest, creamiest effect imaginable. The stems are perfectly straight, very long and exceedingly strong. The flower has good size, great depth and substance with excellent keeping qualities that will make it in great demand by gardens supplying florists and other cut flower trade. Stock very limited.

Tuber \$5.00 Plants \$3.00

**BARBARA REDFERN** (Redfern's)—A delightful blend of old rose and old gold. Beautiful flowers of immense size and of great depth are borne on heavy stiff stems. Begins blooming early and continues until the end of the season. Bushes are tall and vigorous growers and are profuse bloomers.

Tubers \$5.00, Plants \$2.00

**BARBARA WAITE** (Dec.) A very healthy vigorous plant, producing large well formed flowers on long, straight stiff stems. Color a beautiful shade of gold overlaid with soft pink. This Dahlia was very much admired in the Bronx Botanical Gardens where it was seen growing this year. Certificate of Merit at the New Jersey Dahlia Society trial grounds.

Tubers, \$1.50

**BERTHA JOST** (Jost). One of the most beautiful decorative Dahlias, soft yellow with a pink suffusion; a very large flower on good stem.

Tubers \$1.50

**COLOR SERGEANT** (Lyndora Gardens.) This sensational saffron-colored Decorative of 1926 upheld its record of last year with one of general achievement throughout the 1927 show season. This large flower was in practically every eastern show and its distinctive definite one-tone color won many additional friends.

Tubers \$7.50 Plants \$2.50

**EARL WILLIAMS** (Doolittle). Brilliant crimson and white. Free bloomer and one of the finest Dahlias ever produced.

Tubers \$1.00

**CITY OF TRENTON**—Fisher & Masson An autumn colored dahlia difficult to describe. The face of petals, a rich glowing tangerine, reverse crushed-strawberry red. The petals curl gracefully, giving a two-tone effect and creating an impression of whorls or tongues of flame radiating from a full center. The bush grows tall and flowers can be produced to twelve inches in diameter with perfectly full centers on strong, erect stems. This dahlia was very much admired in our garden.

Price per tuber \$7.50 Plants \$3.00

**ELDORADO** (Boston). Still the best gold colored Dahlia. A vivid gold, shading deeper at base of petals; a huge deep flower that wins everywhere.

Tubers \$1.00

**ELEANOR VANDERVEER** (Seal). The best Dahlia from the Coast 1926. A very large rose-pink of fine formation on very long, straight stiff stems.

Tubers \$1.00

**ELITE PEACH** (Kennedy). An outstanding Dahlia at New York, Trenton, and Red Bank and at the latter place, won the prize in the Pink Color class in a fine lot of entries. The color is a clear peach blossom pink, almost a salmon, but a one-tone flower of an exquisite charm and beauty. A gem in the garden.

Tubers, \$2.50. Plants \$1.00

**ELIZA CLARKE BULL** (Boston). Without a doubt the finest white Dahlia on the market today. A perfectly formed huge flower on a



- perfect stem. Won last year at Short Hills for the best Dahlia of California origin ..... Plants \$2.00
- ELITE GLORY** (Dec.) A masterpiece from W. W. Kennedy & Sons. A mammoth real new red that has won prizes at every show. High scores at all the trial grounds. Tremendous in both flower and growth; flowers fifteen inches across are not uncommon. Tubers \$2.00 Plants \$1.00
- ELKRIDGE** (Griffiths). This is a splendid new white variety for which a great future is predicted. The flowers are of good size, borne on splendid stems, the petals are very firm in texture and it is a splendid keeper and shipper. It is a vigorous grower and the flowers are produced in great freedom. This variety had the distinction of winning the medal for the best new variety at the A. D. S. Show in New York the past season. .... Plants \$2.00
- FAITH GARIBALDI** (Boston). A fine rose-pink that has again this year won at San Francisco for best fifty blooms. A real prize winner. .... Tubers \$1.00
- FORDHOOK GOLDCREST** (D.) We consider this the most outstanding novelty of the year. Perfect flowers carried on perfect stems, with the blooms held stiffly erect above all foliage. The color is a beautiful autumn tint, combining shades of yellow, salmon-pink, and rose, creating a most spectacular color effect. Invaluable for exhibition, cutting, or garden decoration. .... Tubers \$2.50 Plants \$1.00
- FORDHOOK MARVEL**. (Decorative) An attractive shade of peach-red shading to strawberry-pink suffused bronze ..... Tubers \$10.00, Plants \$4.50
- FORDHOOK FIRELIGHT**. (Decorative) A rich salmon-orange shading to peach-red and tinted old-gold ..... Tubers \$10.00, Plants \$4.50
- FORDHOOK TREASURE**. (H. C.) Deep rosolane-pink, suffused silver-pink. Lighter at tips. .... Tubers \$5.00, Plants \$2.00
- FORDHOOK VICTORY** Beautiful shade of rose large finely formed flower on good stems. .... Tubers \$2.50 Plants \$1.50
- FORT WASHINGTON** (Reindfleisch). A gigantic Dahlia of dark maroon that has become a favorite; a tall growing plant with large bold flowers that speaks for itself in any garden collection. Fort Washington has been certified by the American Dahlia Society and asks no favors in growing conditions. .... Tubers \$5.00, Plants \$1.50
- GRENADIER** (Boston). An entirely new Dahlia, a large flower on a perfect stem. Purplish maroon with silver reverse, giving a two-toned effect. .... Tubers \$1.00
- HARRY MAYER** (Seltsam-Success). This large Decorative might be called a 'fool-proof' Dahlia because of its sturdy growing habits and heavy texture. An ideal bloom for garden, exhibition, or commercial cut flower. A true Decorative, of silver lavender color, with the reverse of the petals deep lavender. It is one of those varieties that catches the eye in the show room or garden. Tubers \$5.00, Plants \$2.50
- JANE COWL**. This massive decorative was the sensation of the New York Show of the American Dahlia Society. It won as Best Undisseminated Decorative Seedling as well as the Garden & Home Builder Sweepstake Prize as best new Dahlia at New York. It is a large deep flower with as fine coloring as anything in the Dahlia world; a warm buff and old gold blending to a bright salmon at the perfect center. A stem of unusual strength holds the giant flowers over a bush of ideal growth. Foliage is tough and the kind that insects seldom bother. JANE COWL was awarded the Certificate of Merit by the American Dahlia Society at Storrs this year and we have been told no seedling there elicited more favorable comment. .... Tubers \$10.00, Plants \$5.00
- JACK O' LANTERN** (Success Dahlia Gardens). This vividly colored Decorative of brilliant orange and rich red is a gorgeous creation.

Webster's Dictionary defines gorgeous as 'imposing through splendid colors; showy; fine; magnificent; dazzling.' And that's it!

Tubers \$2.50, Plants \$1.00

**J. B. WAITE** (Starr) (Dec.) Huge deep lavender with broad curling and twisting petals. A free bloomer on good stems. Tubers \$1.50

**JERSEY'S BEAUTY** (Waite). The most consistent prize winner ever produced. The only real pink Dahlia. One of the features of the New York show. The formation stem and growth of this Dahlia are as near perfection as is possible. Tubers \$7.75

**JERSEY'S BEACON** (Waite). A decided novelty of Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two-toned effect. One of the outstanding Dahlias at the New York show. Very vigorous grower with excellent stem. Tubers \$1.00

**JERSEY'S CLIMAX**—Hybrid Cactus; great exhibition flower, Xanthine orange with Tourmaline pink reverse. Tubers \$7.50, Plants \$3.00

**JERSEY'S DAYBREAK**—Decorative. Cameo pink shading to creamy yellow in the center. Very much admired by all who have seen it. Already a prize-winner. Tubers \$7.50, Plants \$3.00

**JERSEY ELEGANS**. (Dec.) Spinel pink, medium sized flowers, produced very freely on good stems. The foliage is fine cut, and rough in texture, and is not much affected by the leafhopper, cert. N. J. 1926. Tubers \$2.50, Plants \$1.00

**JERSEY'S FIANCEE**. (Dec.) Rose pink in color, with the point of each floret, slightly tipped gold, the flowers can be grown to a good size, and the stems are always good. The foliage is inclined to be pale and should be kept sprayed to offset the ravages of the insects. Cert. 1925. Tubers \$1.50

**JERSEY'S GLORY** A magnificent bloom both in color and form. Color is a sparkling orange intermingled with yellow. Huge flowers of perfect outline held on long rigid stems. Vigorous habit of growth..

Field Tubers, each \$10.00; Plants each \$5.00

**JERSEY'S DELIGHT** (Hyb. Cac.) The color of this variety is a fine shade of old rose-pink, flowers medium in size and borne on stiff stems. Tubers 1.50

**JERSEY'S EMPRESS** (Dec.) Anthracene violet in color, the flowers, which are large, having a very pleasing formation, the petals being narrow and wavy; the color is practically sunproof.

Tubers \$2.00, Plants \$1.00

**JERSEY'S MASTERPIECE**—Decorative. Large exhibition flower of soft Strawberry pink, suffused gold. Tubers \$10.00, Plants \$4.00

**JERSEY'S MONARCH** (Waite). Very large, deep flower of beautiful salmon shading to yellow at base of petals; excellent long, stiff stems. Tubers \$1.50

**JERSEY'S MAMMOTH** (Waite). Can probably be grown larger than any Dahlia; blooms of twelve inches and over are common, without forcing. A truly magnificent flower of a deep orange-bronze on stiff stems. Tubers \$2.50, Plants \$1.00

**JERSEY'S SOVEREIGN** (Waite). A gorgeous medium-sized flower of salmon-orange on long, stiff stems. Tubers \$2.00

**JERSEY'S OLYMPUS**—Decorative. Combination of Safrano, Venetian and flesh pink. Tubers \$3.00, Plants \$1.50

**JERSEY'S PATROL**—Decorative. Ideal garden flower; spectrum red with tips of gold; covered with bloom. Tubers \$2.50, Plants \$1.00

**JERSEY'S SUNSHINE**. (Dec.) Light greenish yellow, sometimes streaked with Amaranth pink, flowering habit profuse. Stems are very stiff, and erect, flowers are large, and well formed. Cert. 1925 Tubers \$2.50, Plants, \$1.00

- JERSEY'S SUPREME.** (Dec.) A very pleasing shade of clear Laelia pink; the flowers are of medium size, it is a very free bloomer, the stems slender but stiff ..... Tubers \$2.50, Plants \$1.00
- JERSEY'S WONDER.** (Dec. to Pf.) This flower is a mixture of Apricot yellow, and pinard yellow, with a pink suffusion on the reverse. The first flowers are decorative in type, and very large sometimes over twelve inches and borne on good stems. The later flowers are inclined to be peony, with slightly pendulous stems. A vigorous grower, and profuse bloomer. Cert. 1925. Tubers \$2.00, Plants \$1.00
- JUDGE MAREAN** (Marean). A very large flower of perfect type and difficult to describe, produced on strong, stiff stems. A blending of glowing salmon, pink, red, iridescent orange, yellow and pure gold. One of the most beautiful dahlias ever created, and should be in every garden. .... Tubers \$1.00
- LUETTA** (Mrs. Waite) (Dec.) Very fine light yellow on capital stems ..... Tubers \$1.00
- MARMION** (Mastick). Truly, among the very largest in our garden. Most flowers are dwarfed when placed near it. The color is pure golden yellow, with bronze suffusion on reverse of petals and a deeper bronzy tone on the high center, and outlining each petal. The stems are good, and hold the immense blooms gracefully above the sturdy plant. Marmion is an excellent variety for the "Largest Dahlia in Show" competition. .... Tubers \$3.00, Plants \$1.00
- MARGARET WOODROW WILSON** (F. & M.) It is an exhibition type, decorative, of large size and great beauty. Color is opalescent-pink. Face of petals creamy white, reverse Phlox-pink, the reflection from reverse of petals giving the whole flower an opalescent effect. Petals are broad and well placed, terminating in points, making a thick flower. Strong, upright stems, dark green foliage, medium height. Awarded certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey, trial grounds New Brunswick, N. J., 1925, score 86 ..... Tubers \$1.50
- MAJOR A. C. ROSS** (D.) Huge flower composed of narrow wavy petals on perfect stem. Color mallow pink, shading lighter toward center of flower. .... Tubers \$5.00, Plants \$2.00
- MAY TROWER**—(Seal) A huge, deep, most artistic flower, ranging in color from palest gold to a deep golden apricot. Occasionally the flowers will be regularly tipped white, presenting a very novel appearance. Hardly any two blooms are the same. The stems are long, stiff, and rigid, and hold the blossoms proudly erect in spite of their size. May Trower is an excellent garden, exhibition and cut flower, being unusual in formation, with great depth and substance, and a rich, beautiful blending of colors. We have fine reports of this dahlia, winning many prizes throughout the country.  
Tubers \$7.50, Plants \$3.00
- MARGARET MASSON** (F. & M.) One of, if not the best, Dahlias turned out by Fisher & Masson. A huge beautifully formed flower, silvery rose-pink. A splendid keeper when cut. .... Tubers \$2.00, Plants \$1.00
- MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN** (Pelicano). Another splendid one from the Coast. Very large flower of Mulberry; excellent stem and habit of growth. .... Tubers, \$2.50, Plants \$1.00
- MRS. E. L. LINDSLEY** (Broomall). Scarlet and gold; huge blooms on stiff stems. .... Tubers \$1.00
- MRS. F. A. C. PERRINE** (F. & M.) A mammoth flower of a lovely shade of lilac-pink; petals twist, and make flower of great depth.  
Tubers \$3.00, Plants \$1.00



**MRS. I. DE VER WARNER** (Marean). A soft orchid colored Dahlia of large size, perfect stem and formation. Should be in every garden, as it is one of the most satisfactory Dahlias in cultivation.

Tubers \$1.00, plants \$.75

**MEPHISTOPHELES** (Marean). Color is ruby red, showing an infinitesimal golden yellow point at the very end of the petals, thereby greatly enhancing its effectiveness. Tubers \$1.00

**MORDELLA** (King). A real art Dahlia. A beautiful shade of apricot buff; wonderful under artificial light. Tubers \$2.00, Plants \$1.00

**PRIMULA REX** (Broomall). Very well named King of the Primroses. This is probably the very best new variety introduced last year. The flowers are massive in form and a light cream or English Primrose color. The flowers are large and produced quite freely on splendid stems. An exhibition variety of exceptional merit.

Tubers \$5.00, Plants \$1.50

**QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL** (Garden Beautiful-Burns). This spectacular native of California was good in every show in the East and has about the most distinctive form of any of the gigantic Decoratives. Tubers \$3.00, Plants \$1.00

**ROBERT TREAT** (Mueller). Brilliant American Beauty rose of wonderful formation. Winner of Garden Magazine sweepstakes at New York, 1924. Tubers \$1.50, Plants \$.75

**ROSE FALLON** (Harding.) One of the largest of the new introductions. A truly magnificent decorative of pleasing shades of amber, russet, and salmon. The formation is perfect, and the stems are excellent. The foliage of this beautiful variety is very dark and handsome. Rose Fallon is a wonderful keeper, and lasts for days when cut. This dahlia can easily be shown in the largest bloom class.

Tubers \$3.00, Plants \$1.00

**ROMAN EAGLE** (F. & M.) A flower that is typically an Autumn shade, which has helped make the dahlia "King of the Autumn Season." Large exhibition decorative of a flaming, brilliant, burnished copper color; one of the most admired dahlias in our field, as well as at all the Eastern shows. Flowers held well above dark green foliage on stiff stems. Medium height plants, profuse bloomer. Awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of N. J., 1925, with a score of 89. Tubers \$1.00

**SAGAMORE** (Badetty Bros.) An exceptionally fine exhibition or cut flower of a golden color, shaded toward the center with a warm salmon-rose or orange buff. Stems straight and stiff and wonderful keeping qualities when cut make this flower most desirable. Tubers \$1.00

**SALBACH'S WHITE.** The most perfectly formed white dahlia we have ever grown. Its unusually perfect formation and waxy appearance make it an outstanding and much admired variety. The stems are perfect and hold these fine, large white flowers proudly erect.

Tubers \$3.00, Plants \$1.50

**SANHICAN'S GEM** (F. & M.) This flower was voted one of our very best by a majority of visitors to our field during the summer. Color is a delightful shade of old rose, thickly suffused with amber in the young state. At maturity it is a clear old rose with a sheen which glistens in the sunlight. Petals are large and thickly placed, true staghorn type. Awarded Certificate of Merit by D. S. of N. J., 1925, score 87. One of our best. Tubers \$1.50

**THE CANADIAN** (Dec.) A large very full flower with crimped petals, is a seedling of champagne which it resembles, except being very much deeper in color. The stiff stems hold bloom absolutely straight up, will make a splendid addition to the autumn shades.

Tubers \$5.00, Plants \$2.50

- ROSE GLOW.** (Dec.) 1925. Very large flower of deepest shade of rose with silver tips. The broad petals fold back to form a flower of great depth. Does not sunburn or bleach. Stems are long, straight and stiff, carrying flower perfectly erect. .... Tubers \$2.00
- SUSAN G. TEVIS** (Boston). A Dahlia that will produce quantities of large well formed deep lilac blooms throughout the season. A fine exhibition variety ..... Tubers \$1.00
- TRENTONIAN** (F. & M.) A blending of old gold, amber and bronze. Fine large flower on straight, stiff stems. Wonderful exhibition or cut flower. .... Tubers \$1.00
- WATCHUNG SUNRISE** (Smith). Last year this variety under the name of Sunrise was featured in the novelties, as we understood it would be introduced under that name. It created a sensation in New York in 1926 and again this year, and was particularly good at Short Hills, Atlantic City, and Plainfield. At Plainfield it won the prize for the 'Best Dahlia of New Jersey origin' in competition with most of the well-known Jersey originations. .... Tubers \$7.50, Plants \$3.00
- WHITE EMPRESS** This new white Dahlia was a sensation at the last New York and New Haven shows. At the American Dahlia Society show at Madison Square Garden it won the Darnell Cup as the best keeping variety in the show. At New Haven it received a Special Award of Merit. It is the ideal white Dahlia for the garden on account of its attractive appearance and sturdy growth. We have every reason to feel it will prove a great success as a commercial cut flower, because of its free blooming habit, uniform, perfect flowers and excellent substance. It is, we believe, the best all-round white Dahlia introduced to date. .... Tubers \$10.00 Plants \$5.00
- YELLOW BEAUTY** A seedling of Jersey's Beauty, having the same splendid stem, perfect form and habit of growth—the color being a pure empire yellow. We predict, in all sincerity, that Yellow Beauty will become as famous and popular in the Yellow Class as the former became in the "Pinks."
- Strong, field-grown Tubers each \$15.00, Plants each \$7.50

### HYBRID CACTUS DAHLIAS

- "EDNA FERBER".** An Exhibition Hybrid Cactus with an extremely fine stiff stem. Color a glistening coral shading to old gold at the base of petals. One of the first flowers to attract attention both in the field and on the exhibition table. Petals curled and twisted, making a very full flower. Medium to tall habit of growth, foliage dark green and thick. .... Tubers, each \$7.50, Plants \$2.00
- ESTHER HUNT** (Boston). A prize winner everywhere; one of the outstanding Dahlias at New York a year ago. A large well formed flower with serrated tips; color, Oriental orange. .... Tubers \$1.00
- FRANCIS LOBDELL** (Waite). Mallow pink shading to white in center. Flower is large and all flowers on plants will be about the same size; stem is rigid. .... Tubers \$1.00
- JERSEY'S RADIANT** (Waite). A beautiful large flower of bittersweet orange produced on long, stiff stems well above the foliage. .... Tubers \$1.00
- MARIPOSA** (Boston). One of the finest Dahlias ever produced. A delightful shade of pink with a faint violet suffusion. A giant flower of wonderfully pleasing formation on long, stiff stems. A Dahlia that should be in every garden. .... Tubers \$1.00
- PAPILLION** (Boston). A beautiful shade of old rose with golden lights. A very vigorous grower with good stems. Free bloomer ..... Tubers \$1.00